

A RESOLUTION to create a special joint committee on science and technology utilization for economic development, to identify technologies especially important to the future of Tennessee, to recommend a strategy to utilize those identified technologies to enhance the economy of Tennessee, and to hold a technology for business development forum.

WHEREAS, the Senate Study Committee on Technology Utilization in Economic Development, has identified within Tennessee many resources in science and technology that make major contributions to the economy of Tennessee; and

WHEREAS, these resources, located in all sections of the state, have great potential to positively affect Tennessee's economy in the future; and

WHEREAS, additional study of the scientific and technological resources and future technological needs of this state is necessary for Tennessee to develop an effective strategy to maximize the contribution of science and technology to future economic growth; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE NINETY-NINTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES CONCURRING, That there is hereby created a special joint committee, to be known as the Special Joint Committee on Science and Technology Utilization for Economic Development. The committee shall be composed of three (3) members of the Senate and three (3) members of the House of Representatives appointed by the respective speakers. Any vacancy occurring on the committee shall be filled by the appropriate speaker.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That the special joint committee shall endeavor to identify the technologies which have the greatest potential for enhancing economic growth in

Tennessee, determine which of these technologies can best be augmented by Tennessee's resources, and recommend a strategy for employing the scientific, educational, and technological resources of the state, both public and private, to enhance economic growth. The committee shall hold not less than three (3) meetings during 1995 in various regions of the state and shall seek input from private firms that currently use these technologies or could benefit from them as well as providers of the technology, scientific research, and related services. The committee shall seek information and opinion from a variety of institutions and organizations with specialized knowledge of the subjects being examined, including but not limited to the following: Tennessee Department of Economic and Community Development, The University of Tennessee's Institute for Public Service, the State Board of Regents' Office of Economic Development, Science and Technology Advisory Council, Lockheed Martin Energy Systems and Tennessee Tomorrow, Inc. All appropriate agencies of state government, including those listed above, shall provide assistance to the special joint committee at the request of the chair. The committee shall also evaluate how well Tennessee's finance, training and export development activities are being utilized to support technological investment and business expansion in Tennessee.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That the special joint committee shall be convened by the Senate member with the most years of continuous service in the General Assembly. At its first meeting, the special joint committee shall elect a chair, vice-chair and such other officers that the committee deems necessary.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That the special joint committee shall co-sponsor a technology for business development forum in cooperation with the Department of Economic and Community Development and the Science and Technology Advisory Council in the month of January, 1996. This forum shall be designed to illuminate how science and technology resources currently available in Tennessee can meet the technology needs of the businesses of tomorrow.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That legislative members of the committee who are duly elected members of the 99th General Assembly shall remain members of the committee until the committee reports its findings and recommendations to the General Assembly and shall be paid for attending meetings as provided in Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 3-1-106.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That the special joint committee shall report its findings and recommendations, as well as the results of the business development forum to the Speakers of the House and Senate and to the Finance, Ways and Means Committee of each House of the General Assembly. The special joint committee shall submit its final report no later than April 1, 1996, but may submit such earlier reports or recommendations as it deems advisable.